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the company is supplying properly and whether the Government are aware that the panchayats are undergoing lot of hardships in getting stationery at the proper time?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Elementary schools run by panchayats in Malabar.

* 2072 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many panchayats in Malabar run elementary schools; and

(*b*) whether the Government now give any grants-in-aid for schools run by panchayats?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Three, Sir.

" (*b*) Teaching grants are given for lower elementary schools run by panchayats."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know whether the teachers working in elementary schools under the control of panchayat boards are paid on a par with the teachers working in district boards and municipal schools?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is my impression. But I am unable to give an answer off-hand."

Assignment of forest waste lands to landless peasants

* 2073 *Q.*—SRI V. MADANAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was made recently by 124 landless poor peasants that waste lands on the hilly tracts under the control of the Forest department situated near Kombai village, Periyakulam taluk, Madurai district, might be assigned to them for cultivation; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

SRI V. MADANAGOPAL :—" தயவு செய்து பதிலை தமிழிலும் சொல்லும்படியாகக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall first answer the question in English and then translate the same in Tamil.

" (*a*) & (*b*) No petition containing representation has been received from the landless poor peasants for assignment of waste land near Kombai village for purpose of cultivation. There was however a case of encroachment by the landless poor of Kombai village, Periyakulam taluk of Madurai district into Ramakkalmettu locality of Kombai reserved